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FM AMEMBASSY LONDON

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INFO AMEMBASSY BRIDGETOWN

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR, GJ, UK

SUBJECT: COMMONS VOTE ON GRENADA INDEPENDENCE

REF: BRIDGETOWN 1686

1. HOUSE OF COMMONS DEBATED GRENADA INDEPENDENCE ORDER VERY LATE IN EVENING DECEMBER 11. ORDER WAS CARRIED AFTER DEBATE IN WHICH LABOR FRONT BENCH SPOKESMAN AND TORY BACKBENCHERS QUESTIONED WISDOM OF GOVERNMENT'S COMMITMENT TO INDEPENDENCE BY FEBRUARY 7 AT TIME WHEN THERE WAS SO MUCH DISORDER IN THE ISLAND. BEN JONES, DEPUTY GNP LEADER AND ASHLEY TAYLOR OF THE COMMITTEE OF TWENTY-TWO, WERE IN LONDON TO LOBBY FOR DELAY IN CONSIDERATION OF INDEPENDENCE BILL.

2. DEBATE WAS ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED FOR LAST WEEK BUT HAD BEEN POSTPONED BECAUSE OF WELTER OF HIGH PRIORITY ISSUES THEN FACING COMMONS. KNOWLEDGEABLE SOURCES  
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BELIEVE INDEPENDENCE ORDER MAY RUN INTO VERY HEAVY WEATHER IN NAVIGATING ITS WAY THROUGH HOUSE OF LORDS

NEXT WEEK. HOWEVER, THERE IS NO EVIDENCE OF ANY STRONG  
OPPOSITION TO PRINCIPLE OF INDEPENDENCE. TIMING IS THE  
ISSUE.

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